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Utah Homeland Security— What You Can Do To Help Safeguard Your Community

Be Alert! Promptly report
criminal or suspicious
activities to your local law
enforcement agency.

**Please report these
activities immediately:**

- Unauthorized persons
loitering around public
buildings, dams and reservoirs,
electrical substations, water treat-
ment or storage
facilities, fire hydrants, schools,
community centers, natural gas or
petroleum transmission lines,
small public airports or other criti-
cal facilities.

- People taking inappropriate pho-
tographs of active security meas-
ures employed at these sites.

- Persons without authorized
credentials who ask detailed
questions about critical facilities
or the security employed there.

- Individuals (employees, pilots,
public officials, etc.) who appear to
be under the control of other per-
sons (kidnapping or hostage
situation).

- Suspicious vehicles parked at or
near critical facilities.

MOST IMPORTANT:

**If you see something dangerous
or if you become suspicious of a
possible illegal or terrorist-related
activity,**

**Call 9-1-1 for immediate
response!**

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What Is The Advisory System

The Homeland Security Advisory System provides a comprehensive and effective means to distribute information regarding the risk of terrorist acts to Federal, State, and local authorities and to the American people. It provides warnings in the form of a set of graduated "Threat Conditions" that would increase as the risk of the threat increases. At each Threat Condition, public safety agencies implement a corresponding set of "Protective Measures" to further reduce vulnerability or increase response capability during a period of heightened alert.

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SEVERE Definition: a terrorist attack has occurred or credible and corroborated intelligence indicates that one is imminent. Normally, this threat condition is declared for a specific location or critical facility.
HIGH Definition: Credible intelligence indicates that there is a high risk of a local terrorist attack but a specific target has not been identified.
ELEVATED Definition: Elevated risk of terrorist attack but a specific region of the USA or target has <u>not</u> been identified.
GUARDED Definition: General Risk with no credible threats to specific targets.
LOW Definition: Low risk of terrorism. Routine security is implemented to preclude routine criminal threats.

What Does It Mean To You

Severe

Expect delays, searches of bags, traffic restrictions and restricted access to public buildings.

Avoid crowded public areas and gatherings. Do not travel in areas affected by the attack or is an expected terrorist target.

Keep emergency supplies accessible. Be prepared to evacuate your home or shelter in place on order of local authorities.

Report suspicious persons taking photographs of critical facilities, asking detailed questions about physical security or dressed inappropriately for weather conditions (suicide bomber). Report these activities immediately to local law enforcement by calling 9-1-1.

Monitor news and Emergency Alert System radio/TV stations. Avoid passing unsubstantiated information and rumors.

High

Continue normal activities but expect delays, baggage searches and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public facilities.

Continue to monitor world and local events as well as local government threat advisories.

Avoid leaving unattended packages or brief cases in public areas.

Inventory emergency supply kits and discuss emergency plans with family. Reevaluate meeting location based on threat.

Be alert to your surroundings, avoid placing yourself in a vulnerable situation and monitor the activities of your children.

Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare.

Elevated

Continue normal activities, but report suspicious activities to the local law enforcement agencies.

Take a first aid or Community Emergency Response Team class. Become active in your local Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

Network with your family, neighbors and community for mutual support during a disaster or terrorist attack.

Learn what critical facilities are located in your community and report suspicious activities at or near these sites.

Attend your local emergency planning committee (LEPC) meeting to learn more about local hazards.

Guarded

Continue normal activities but be watchful for suspicious activities. Report criminal activity to local law enforcement.

Increase family emergency preparedness by purchasing supplies, food and storing water, review family emergency plans.

Monitor local and national news for terrorist alerts.

Update immunizations.

Low

Continue to enjoy individual freedom. Participate freely in travel, work and recreational activities.

Be prepared for disasters and family emergencies.

Support the efforts of your local emergency responders (fire fighters, law enforcement and emergency medical service).

Know what natural hazards are prevalent in your area and what measures you can take to protect your family.